



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED CENTRAL LOS ANGELES MIDDLE SCHOOL #3 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: July 17, 2006 – July 31, 2006

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed Central Los Angeles Middle School #3 site. This workplan addresses the removal and off-site disposal of approximately 100 cubic yards (150 tons) of soil from the site. The proposed 2.64-acre site is bordered by West 6th Street to the north, South Shatto Place to the east, South Vermont Avenue to the west, and by a new urban residential development and a Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) subway station to the south in Los Angeles. During the site investigation, lead was detected in shallow soils in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. Lead was found in soil planters along the north and east sides of a vacant three-story building at depths up to 3.5 feet below ground surface. Therefore, LAUSD proposes to remove the contaminated soils and transport them to a permitted off-site disposal facility. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this soil removal pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken off-site for disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed cleanup during a fifteen (15) day public comment period that starts on July 17, 2006, and ends on July 31, 2006. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Mr. Aldo Chaney, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked by **July 31, 2006**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Pio Pico – Koreatown Library, 694 S. Oxford Ave., Los Angeles; Commonwealth Elementary School, 215 S. Commonwealth Ave., Los Angeles; and at www.laschools.org. Also, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Jeanne Matusmoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5338 or email: jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov; or Mr. Aldo Chaney, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2972 or email: ACHaney@dtsc.ca.gov.

*Si desea información en español, comuníquese con el: Sr. Javier Hinojosa, Jefe,
Unidad Escolar – Glendale del DTSC, al (818) 551-2172.*